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companies to provide more cars, and run them on shorter "headway." On a majority of the lines the number of cars can be and should be doubled. There is nothing in the way of this reform but the dividends of stockholders. The time has come to finally determine whether these dividends or the people have the best right to protection from the law. We intend to do all in our power to have the matter settled in favor of the people without any delay.

BAZAINE IN PRISON.

Writing from Cannes, on Dec. 30, a correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* says: "South of Cannes, in front of the harbor, may be seen the Lérins Islands, Ste. Marguerite, and St. Honorat, about two miles distant. The former, which is four miles in circumference, is associated with one of the most most interesting historical problems that have ever perplexed the world—that of the Man with the Iron Mask; and it is on this island-fortress that an Ex-Marshal of France is now a prisoner, at present almost as strictly guarded and jealously watched as was the mysterious victim of Louis XIV. The Ex-Commander in Chief of the Army of the Rhine is a prisoner in the strictest sense of the term, and no one has been allowed to see him, with the exception of Gen. D'Audel from Nice, who paid him a visit yesterday, and the Commandant of the Gandermerie, who escorted him to the island but has now left. I am inclined to think, from inquiries I have made, that he occupies the very room in which the Man of the Iron Mask languished so many years, and looks out of the window from which the unknown prisoner flung into the sea the silver plate on which he had previously scratched his name and history. Bazaine now contemplates Cannes, and the luxuriantly-covered hills of Cannet, backed by the splendor of the distant Alps. It is a lofty apartment and not nearly so uncomfortable as might be expected; for it contains a fireplace and a large window, the latter grated, however, with three strong iron bars. The prisoner has been allowed a servant, a medical man when necessary, and a priest, for whom an altar has been erected, according to some accounts, at the end of the narrow passage from which the cell opens. These persons, together with M. De St. Mars, governor of the fortress, the prisoner's family, and Col. Villette are, I believe, all who will be permitted to see and converse with the Ex-Marshal for a long time to come. * * * The Island of St. Marguerite was called Lero, on account, says tradition, of an altar or temple having been erected there to the honor of Lero, a celebrated pirate chief—which seems a strange confusion of

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